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WELLESLEY'S PROBLEM.

The disastrous fire at Wellesley college was a terrific blow at this important educational institution. It involves finances in a way which presents a grave situation from which the aid and influence of its large alumnae and many friends it must recover. At present while the outlook is not as encouraging as might be expected because of the destruction of the loss and the big task which is faced in the restitution of the buildings there is reason to believe that the officials of the college will rise to the situation in accordance with the record of accomplishment in the past and not only restore but make the new Wellesley a bigger and better seat of learning than ever.

The destroyed building despite its method of construction stood for a long period of years; so long that too little concern was perhaps given to the question of adequate insurance. In rebuilding, however, protection against fire must be one of the prime considerations as it is in full construction work today. The future Wellesley must be established in accordance with fire preventive standards. Fireproof construction is demanded in the interests of safety, as a guarantee against fire and an insurance against the loss of such valuable collections as have just gone up in smoke. Schools whether large or small have been consumed enough on the value of such construction and it is unreasonable to have that when Wellesley does start to rebuild that attention will not be directed to separating the laboratories and dormitories and the keeping of fire dangers to the minimum.

PREVENT THE FLY.

Even though "the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley," it is early action which gets results in the easiest and most satisfactory manner whatever the undertaking may be. This is particularly true of the movement which has been encouraged every season for the suppression of the fly. While countless numbers have been "swatted" in the endeavor to better conditions in the future, the fact is that the fly has been fully apparent and flies breed faster than they can be killed. Little impression is made in the attempt to mow down the numbers of the pest which flock in to fill the places of those which have been put out of the way. It has therefore been realized that the method of attack is inefficient and that if it is expected to exterminate the fly it must be done through the use of poisons.

GUIDE FOR THE FUTURE.

In the famous dynamite case which has stirred the entire country because of the organized efforts which were behind the movement of terror even possible effort is being made to escape the penalty. Regardless of the exhaustion of every available means of accomplishing it through the courts an appeal is being made over the heads of the highest court in the land to the pardoning power of the president, on the ground of an impartial trial. In this instance the president is being made the court of last resort in a notorious case to which the penalty of a crime which deserves the greatest discouragement. Concerning the subject of pardon would be by some evidence of change of heart on the part of those in whose interest the crime was committed. If the unions which elected these men to places of honor and responsibility after their conviction, and because of their conviction, were to cancel those elections, and declare their unwillingness to profit by such offenses against society, forgiveness would be less difficult. No delay should be made in the face of the evidence of change of heart by the man-

ner of the petition for pardon. Magnanimity toward the repentant is admirable. Weakness in the punishment of the unrepentant is such encouragement of crime as society cannot afford.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

Domestic science is a subject which is being accorded greater attention as its value and the need for it are being demonstrated by the changing conditions. The success of the household depends upon the manner in which it is administered, be it small or large. Such is gained in many instances through parental instruction but there are as many if not more instances where neglect is the rule rather than the exception. This places more reliance upon the teaching of domestic science and increases the need of its being given greater attention in the school.

In this connection it is an interesting plan which is being carried out by the Woman's Civic club in Holy, Colorado, where the girls in the high school divided into classes have sessions once or twice a week in various homes of the city where they are taught to cook, sew, wash, sweep and dust under the direction of the teacher and mistress of the house. The advantages of such a plan are that there is no need of expensive school apparatus which would be a burden outside a domestic science kitchen with its elaborate equipment, that varied instructions can thus be gained for the meeting of the many actual conditions which would be met in the home, and that the school nearer the people and of keeping the mothers close to the girls in their school work.

The value of getting instructions about housework in the home cannot be underestimated. It has its practical worth and overcomes the necessity of classroom instructions under artificial conditions.

REFORM FREE SEED PLAN.

While it is too late to accomplish it at this session of congress no opportunity should be neglected by those who realize the necessity of it to push the idea for a reform in the distribution of government seed. If the practice is to be continued, it is now used as the means of bolstering the good fellowship of the members of congress and becomes a favor of the legislators rather than an effort which is extended to work to the betterment of the farmers. It has wandered far from the original purpose. Today the distribution of free seeds means the sending of a package of the commonest variety with which every person with a garden plot is supplied or can be without any great expenditure.

The idea of this assistance on the part of the department of agriculture was to place in the hands of the agriculturists seeds of a known quality which while not common could be expected to be of value in connection with the development of the various sections of the country. It is the introduction of new and rare seeds which will prove of value and be accepted with appreciation by the tillers of the soil. Whatever can be done in that way as a contribution to scientific farming and an encouragement and suggestion for new crops has merit which is likely to be recognized. It would at least result in the giving of adequate tests to such seed which under the present method is a rank failure, and waste of good money. The reformers have a great opportunity for work in this direction.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Only a few more days and the fly chasing campaign will be in full swing. Yale has placed two hundred freshmen on probation because of "bottle night." Prohibition would be still better.

What militancy has done is revealed by the decision of a German court that to call a woman a "suffragette" is slander.

Those Wilson girls are keeping the entire country supplied with plenty of conversation material during the "waterfall waiting" period.

No one can imagine Huerta suppressing the news if his forces had actually repulsed the rebels in the latest kind of a battle.

While the time for the swatting contest is awaited it is a capital idea to save a lot of energy, annoyance and danger by preventing the fly.

Milk producers claim that the price must go up. That is probably due to the failure of the tariff revisionists to include this on the free list.

It is quite natural that the Wellesley girls should be "cool in making their escape" considering the amount of clothing that was lost.

The contributions of Col. Roosevelt to further South American work which he started, indicates that he intends to guide things on both continents.

The man on the corner says: The man who thinks the world is on the oblique and getting worse every day may be mistaking himself for the world.

The coal miners of West Virginia claim to have excavated more than the canal workers. Many a housekeeper is liable to feel the same way before the season is over.

After the determination of the world's best champion, England must feel as do the Yale seniors, that what it needs most is an international big sport championship.

Perhaps the determination of the department of state that the Mexican refugees will not be returned because they would help Huerta, may result in Villa's paying for their keep.

Thus far no very well defined effort has been made for the settlement of the better tenement question in this city. No municipality can confine its growth entirely to business blocks.

While Harvard is removing its dying aims it is gratifying to note that it realizes the importance of replacing them with other trees and the crimson oak is appropriately selected.

The only regret in connection with the burning of several tons of adulterated foods and drugs by the government is that it only had possession of a very small portion of what is in existence.

Business has already begun to feel the effect of the assaults upon the New Haven system through the curtailed train service. It would be more easily accepted if that was all the effects that had been caused by the man-

BULLETIN'S SPECIAL PAGE LEADER

Probation on Yale Freshmen Expected to Be Lifted Soon—

Desire to See Debating Revived—Encouraging Statement Concerning Freshman Crews—Gifts to University.

Along with the approach of spring there always seems to appear, perhaps from the force of tradition, some uncontrollable impulse in the Yale Freshman. This year they had been rather quiet over on York street, in fact some almost to think that there were no Freshmen outside of Wright on the campus. But Sunday night the York street dwellers, Pierce and the leased dormitories demonstrated their presence quite unmistakably. When they got through their somewhat ill-considered demonstration, in fact, York street was very liberally sprinkled with the remains of glass bottles and other breakables, the New Haven police were conspicuous in the atmosphere of turmoil, and the newspaper writers had funds of material with which to flash out glowing stories. And yet there were no fatalities at the hands of the brutal freshmen.

One of the first duties of Professor Holton A. Farr, newly made so by the Corporation this week, and before that more familiarly known as "Tut" Farr and "Farrington," was to discipline his charges. The York street contingent, 200 of them, had been sent to the detention house in lockstep, that grieved the Professor and since the class would not listen to reason, it went on probation until the next demonstration. And to show the power of public opinion in Yale as a disciplinary agent, last night the aforesaid ringleaders, chief bottle throwers made themselves known. Thus it is expected that the probation will be lifted and the freshmen will be back on the campus.

The cases of the two freshmen arrested Sunday night after the outbreak were by no means serious it appears. Edward W. Smith, of the Lyme student rooms in Pierce Hall and the offense that he was charged with was throwing out a box filled with water into the street. It is not an unknown trick to toss a pasteboard box and precipitate it on the heads of passersby. He was released on bail of \$150, furnished by Morris Kilgman, the "Freshman's friend." One of the chief reasons for believing that enough students will be released to persuade the Faculty to raise the probation, is that all the men will other athletes just starting.

"As an old Yale graduate" George L. Fox, 74, says he would be glad to see the "pale days of Lincoln" and "brotherhood in Unity" revived, in order to revive debating at Yale and give it its proper importance in training men intellectually. He was not on the ball of \$150, furnished by Morris Kilgman, the "Freshman's friend." One of the chief reasons for believing that enough students will be released to persuade the Faculty to raise the probation, is that all the men will other athletes just starting.

A progressive thing that the Chicago Yale alumni have just done is to found the Yale Log, for the purpose of keeping the 774 graduates in that city in closer touch with each other. It is a little newspaper that is printed in the characteristic style and make-up, in miniature of the Yale News, and thus has a distinctive appearance quite lacking in the former bulletins that have been sent out frequently by the Yale alumni. The Log will take the place of these bulletins and will be published once a month during the year. The Log utters this sentiment, in acknowledging its inspiration: "The Yale Log wishes to how its acknowledgement to the Yale News, its style, its make-up, its name, are borrowed from the 'old-time college daily in America.' The preservation of the Yale News in its present form is, we believe, almost as important sentimentally as the preservation of the Campus.

The editor of the Log, Julian S. Mason, 1898, was a News chairman.

"I have been coaching for 30 years," said E. J. Gianni, who is now in charge of the Freshman crews, "and I have never handled a man who was so intent upon their work and who are giving up as much as these men are."

This is the spirit which the new coach finds among the freshmen after six weeks of preliminary work and he is ready to read the great and democratic administration are certainly well put, every shot he makes goes in and every hit, for no man can be judged by the letters of Mr. Montgomery very much and hope we may hear from him often. Our best wishes go to the new administration, with "hands across the sea." I have not the least doubt that England has a great future in the world, and government officials good advice about running a government, but if I was president I would make the motto of the game better than I did I should hardly expect to win a game by making my moves according to the advice of the one sitting on the sidelines of the board. That would be simply allowing my opponent to play both sides of the game. It is that not what we should do with our Uncle Sam. This administration is a promised benefit to the wage earning public, but it is a real benefit to the producers of other countries, has thrown down the tariff bars, and we begin now to see the effect which we shall see much more of in the coming years, manufacturing industries curbing and throwing out help, failures in business, thousands out of employment depending on charity, and no reduction in the cost of living.

John Bull chuckles to himself over the benefits accruing to him by that move of Uncle Sam. Now in order that our coastwise shipping interests may get an advantage in carrying of trade, John Bull contends that Uncle Sam has made an agreement with him over that he has denied himself the right of allowing his own vessels to pass through his own canal without collecting toll from them. Ex-President Taft said that many other statesmen have never taken such a narrow-minded view of the clause in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty governing the canal, neither could they have a common sense made such an interpretation of the clause unless he were they said it was to the benefit of his own country but open to the benefits of some foreign country and in their favor. If I own a toll bridge and I make an agreement that I will treat everyone crossing that bridge the same as regards the charging of toll, and I make an agreement to be expected to deny me of one of the family of an employee of mine the right to cross that bridge without paying toll, I think not, and it seems to me that this country stands in just such a position in its ownership of the Panama canal.

We know how easy and pitiable Great Britain has been with our government in the Mexican murder case, though

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Another work that is being very vigorously pushed by this administration is the tearing asunder and breaking up of the New Haven railroad system, a system of transportation built up and perfected for the service of the public which was and is now affording splendid facilities for travel and carrying of freight. We have a system of state and interstate control over railroads that is more than a century old, advantage being taken or hardship being worked upon the public by any monopoly formed by the consolidation of transportation lines, but now in the face of protests and pleadings by the people of New England who know that that road is the life of the state, this system is broken up. There seems to be a determination upon the part of the federal government to break it up, regardless of the people's desires or the consequences they may suffer. Can anyone give a reason for determining attitude of our government officials in this matter? Is there a John Bull influence in this case? We know that the Grand Trunk railroad, owned by English capital, is a strong rival of the New Haven road for business in New England. I see there is now a renewal of that road's purpose to build its Providence connection. What are the conclusions to be drawn from a view of the road's purpose to build its Providence connection. What are the conclusions to be drawn from a view of the road's purpose to build its Providence connection. What are the conclusions to be drawn from a view of the road's purpose to build its Providence connection.

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OTHER VIEW POINTS

Every city in Connecticut should make it so uncomfortable for all prisoners found to have weapons when arrested and for all who may be found to be carrying weapons that the practice will be generally discouraged. Gun-toting is one of the worst forms of law violation.—Waterbury Republican.

The blow to Wellesley is a severe one. Now let the authorities of Smith, Mt. Holyoke, Vassar and every other college overhaul their buildings and remove all possible combustible material. Rip up the wooden floors; take down wooden staircases; close up elevator flues; put laboratories in separate fireproof buildings; detach kitchens from dormitories and class rooms, and so on, as far as possible substituting metal furniture for wooden. In short do everything which experience and common sense suggests to prevent a fire. Middletown Sun.

Chief Donovan ought to be investigated with authority to make investigations of public buildings so that the possibilities for fire may be reduced to a minimum. That Meriden has been so fortunate in the small number of fires of magnitude is due more to good luck than good management. The future is a thing where many owners of property do not care to consider. They are interested in getting the biggest returns on their investments and do not bother their heads about seeing whether their real estate holdings are in safe and sanitary condition.—Meriden Record.

The legislature should be informed of the amount of revenue there is available, when that is exhausted appropriations should cease, if the members know anything about what they are sent to Hartford for they will cease and if the governor is the right kind of an official they will have to cease. The go-as-you-please method.

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